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In re application of
Staub, et al.

Serial No: 09/688,851

Filed: October 16, 2000

Title: Methods and vectors for site-specific
Recombination in plant cell plastids

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

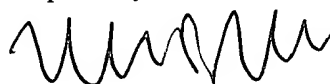
This Response to Office Communication is filed in response to the communication from the Examiner dated May 16, 2001 including a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (SECOND NOTICE).

Applicant originally filed both an initial paper copy and initial CRF copy of the sequence listing with the filing of the application. On April 12, 2001, Applicant filed a first substitute and amended paper copy and CRF of the sequence listing in response to a first Notice to Comply. As requested in the SECOND NOTICE, enclosed is a substitute CRF copy of the "Sequence Listing" and a substitute paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821-1.825, with directions to enter the paper Sequence Listing into the specification. A copy of the Notice of 5/16/01 is attached hereto. Furthermore, the undersigned hereby states that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same and introduce no new matter. Applicants believe that this application now conforms to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 and should be examined on its merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 13-4125. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a one month extension of time.

Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned for clarification on any aspect of this response, or if the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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